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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 2 December 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell



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1. Program - [redacted] announced that the overlays for the proposed [redacted] staging will be shown to [redacted] on 2 or 3 December. He said that he and [redacted] were to see Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter on the afternoon of 2 December. Mr. Bissell said that he had a call in to General Goodpaster to alert him to the possibility of receiving an approval letter from the [redacted]

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Mr. Bissell described at some length the line that he wished to have maintained in dealing with the Department of State on [redacted] overflight missions. He said that the overlays Mr. Herter was to be shown should be emphasized as illustrative only, and that the fact that the [redacted] decided to accept them as drawn was a coincidence and that the [redacted] retained the initiative in determining routes. It should be emphasized in all such briefings to the Department that we are simply informing them of what the [redacted] are intending to do. In the future, discussions with the Department of State should be confined to targets and sectors only, without providing actual route information.

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[redacted] noted that two more Middle East missions were being pouched this week to the [redacted]. Mr. Bissell said that the routes shown on these overlays should be described as "typical" and not specific.

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2. Meteorological Staging Operation - [redacted] announced that the group conducting the [redacted] staging operation will be in place at [redacted] on 9 December.

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[redacted] said that the [redacted] were installing a scramble phone in the hangar at [redacted] for use in the event of an emergency and that appropriate emergency procedures were being worked out locally. The proposed meteorological staging operation will provide a dry run on the adequacy of such commo arrangements.

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3. Staff Directive - [REDACTED] announced that the contributions of the various sections to a proposed staff directive were now in such shape that a meeting could appropriately be called to work out differences. [REDACTED] called such a meeting for the afternoon of 5 December.

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ACTION: [REDACTED]

SUSPENSE: 5 December

Mr. Bissell requested [REDACTED] to follow up with Col. White on 8 December concerning the latter's part in approving assumption of the maintenance portion of Air Division functions.

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ACTION: [REDACTED]

SUSPENSE: 8 December

Concerning the assumption of Air Division functions by DPS, Mr. Bissell commented that he thought the most difficult portion of the job would revolve around relations with the Air Force on the division of functions between it and the Agency.

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4. Test Status Board - There was no significant change in the Test Status Board from the preceding week except to note that [REDACTED] had sent a long cable on the Granger device to [REDACTED] (see [REDACTED] 4586 OUT 87192).

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5. Zoom-Climb Tests - Although these tests are scheduled to start on 8 December, [REDACTED] noted that for a variety of reasons, largely having to do with scheduling and money problems, there might be a delay in the start of the tests. If the tests are delayed past the 8 December date, [REDACTED] recommended that they be delayed until after Christmas in order to avoid having a break in the continuity of the tests. He said he would know by 5 December whether or not the tests will proceed on schedule. Mr. Bissell noted that if the only problem turned out to be money that we should volunteer to take up the slack if this was administratively possible.

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ACTION: [REDACTED]

SUSPENSE: 5 December

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6. Security Plans - [REDACTED] announced that security plans for a follow-on vehicle, operations from [REDACTED] and for a [REDACTED] operation were in outline form.

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7. Visit of [REDACTED], Commander of Detachment C, attended the staff meeting as part of a TDY visit to Headquarters. He said that he had no comments of general interest to the staff but that he wished to visit with several sections individually before his departure on approximately 4 December.

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8. CORONA Release - [REDACTED] noted that there had been another last minute temporary delay in the CORONA release because of a question

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25X1A9a on funding. Mr. Bissell requested [REDACTED] to keep a constant needle in the Department of Defense and ARPA until the release hits the streets.

25X1A9a ACTION: [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 9. Change of Air Force Auditing Arrangements - [REDACTED] announced that arrangements were being completed to give Mr. Walter Gross, Air Force Representative for Industrial Contract Audit, desk space in the Contracting Section of DPS and to provide him and two East Coast and West Coast assistants with travel funds for audits conducted on behalf of DPS.

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Deputy Director, DPS/DCI

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